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Following is from Department press briefing July 1:

QUOTE: Q: The day before yesterday Russia launched again a protest against JDL activity. Do you have any comments on this now?

A: We received the protest. I believe that the officer presenting it acknowledged the efforts of local police forces to provide protection. We hope this closes this series of unfortunate incidents.

Q: Would you happen to have any background on the Soviet protest?

A: I do in my office. I didn't bring it out with me. I can get it for you immediately afterward, if you want.

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to check in.

Q: Do you know whether there was any mention in the Soviet protest that there would be any retaliation in Moscow?

A: No, I don't believe there was any such mention.

ON BACKGROUND, as a practical matter, there were over the weekend, and at least on Monday, a number of unfriendly phone calls to the Embassy, and I believe that there were also a number of instances in which personnel of the Embassy and their families were followed extremely closely by unidentified individuals or groups of individuals.

I repeat that we hope that ~~this~~ this series of incidents is now closed. UNQUOTE

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